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## **MAYOR EDDIE PEREZ GIVES 225 UCONN WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT TICKETS TO YOUTH IN HARTFORD SCHOOLS**

**HARTFORD, CT** – Hartford Mayor Eddie Perez made sure some loyal fans of women's basketball had the opportunity to attend the UCONN Big East Women's Basketball Tournament this weekend in Hartford.

Youth in Hartford's schools were given tickets to attend the games at the Hartford Civic Center. "I'm happy that our young people who admire these dynamic female athletics and college women were able to be a part of the basketball excitement in their own backyard—downtown Hartford," said Mayor Perez.

Managers of the Hartford Civic Center and representatives of Madison Square Garden asked the City of Hartford to help with the reduction in police and fire fees. In cooperation with bringing the Big East to Hartford, Mayor Perez requested that a number of youth from Hartford also be able to attend the basketball tournament.

Some of the schools that received tickets were Quirk Middle School, Hartford Middle Magnet, Hartford Public, Bulkeley High, Weaver High, and Fox Middle. The Boys and Girls Clubs and Americorps were other youth organizations that received tickets for youth in Hartford.

